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Country Artist Phil Vassar, Motown Tribute 'Hitsville' Headline Convention

This year's 2017 International Convention Entertainment Lineup includes a contemporary country hitmaker and a tribute to one of music's most incredible eras.

Kicking off Convention with our Welcome to Grand Rapids Show on Sunday, July 16, is the Motown tribute show "Hitsville" and comedian Rocky LaPorte

Hitsville

Take a trip to Motown Sunday with Hitsville - armed with 20 vocalists, six band members, and four crew members impersonating the legends of Motown! This awesome tribute show brings the following artists to life: Marvin Gaye & Tammi Terrell, Gladys Knight and the Pips,

The Temptations, The Four Tops, Martha Reeves and the Vandellas, Ike & Tina Turner, James Brown, Ashford & Simpson, Smokey Robinson, Mary Wells, Brenda Holloway, Teddy Pendergrass, Al Green, Patti Labelle, Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin, O'Jays, Dramatics, The Miracles, The Supremes, Lionel Ritchie, Chaka Khan, and The Marvalettes.

Rocky LaPorte

Rocky LaPorte's appeal comes from his everyman, streetwise style of comedy. Delivering laughs in his trademark Brooklyn accent, he has become one of the most

Arizona State Eagle Extra Wins 2017 Bulletin Contest

The Grand Aerie congratulates the F.O.E. Arizona State Eagle Extra and Editor Jayc Powell for their fine efforts in winning the 2017 Grand Aerie Bulletin Contest.

The beautiful full-color newsletter features a wealth of great information and relevant news from the State and Grand Aerie levels and serves well to keep all State members informed.

Best Overall Entry

Eagle Extra, Arizona State

Class A (Up to 500 Members)

1st - Grinnell Bulletin, Grinnell, IA

2nd - Current Wave, Crystal City, MO

3rd - Aerie Newsletter, Kent, WA

Class B (501-1000 members)

1st - The Beak, Calgary, AB

2nd - Eaglette, Marceline, MO

3rd - Brainerd Eagle News, Brainerd, MN

Class C (Over 1000 members)

1st - Lima Eagles News Views - Lima, OH

2nd - 154 Hiflyer, Omaha, NE

3rd - Eagle Feather, Carlisle, PA

State/Provincial

1st - Beak and Quill, Oregon

2nd - Rebel Yell, Virginia

3rd - Lady Eagle, Wisconsin

Electronic

1st - Eagle Extra, Arizona State

2nd - The P.E.N., Alberta/Sask.

3rd - Indiana State Auxiliary Bulletin, Indiana

Thank you to everyone who entered this year's competition!

Convention Corner



2017 International Convention Amway Grand Hotel & DeVos Place Convention Center Grand Rapids, Michigan July 17-20

Hotels (mention the Eagles when booking):

Amway Grand (Main Hotel) SOLD OUT	\$105/night	1-800-253-3590
Courtyard Marriott	\$105/night	1-877-901-6632
JW Marriott	\$115/night	1-877-901-6632

Hotel guests receive free garage parking and a rate of \$15/night for valet.

Program Book

•The Program Book form for the 2017 Convention is now available on the Convention page at www.foe.com. Early bird pricing is available until March 31. Regular pricing is in effect from April 1-30. The inclusion of ads sent in after April 30 is not guaranteed will be subject to deadlines assigned to the Grand Aerie by the outside printing company.

Forms

•On April 1, forms for Pre-Registration, Banquets, Ritual, the Talent Show and more will be made available for download on the Convention page at www.foe.com. If you know you're attending, please pre-register as the cost is reduced for you and it allows us to better prepare with more accurate attendance counts.

As always, please visit us on the Convention page a www.foe.com for the most up-to-date Convention information. We look forward to seeing you in Grand Rapids!

Top Producers/ New Leaders

for January 2017

Aerie:

1. #4299 Lake Havasu City, AZ	60
2. #4294 Burnham, PA	47
3. #925 Grand Haven, MI	43
4. #3957 Cape Coral, FL	42
5. #2580 Winamac, IN	41

Auxiliary:

1. #4299 Lake Havasu City, AZ	30
2. #4089 Port Orange, FL	29
3. #2218 Chelan, WA	24
4. #925 Grand Haven, MI	21
5. #4273 Okahumpka, FL	19

Aerie (Individual):

1. Steve Girton	27
Winamac, IN #2580	
2. Glen Gates	23
Chillicothe, OH #2428	
3. Vincente Martinez	16
Glenville, MN #2258	
3. Jeff Bercier	16
Rugby, ND #3834	
5. Tim Tabor (#1161)	15
5. Jeffrey Cunningham (#3885)	15
5. Racheal Windham (#649)	15
5. Gary Johnson (#741)	15

Auxiliary (Individual):

1. Jeanne Steiner	18
Chelan, WA #2218	
2. Vivian Bledsaw	15
Beatrice, NE #531	
3. Patricia Price	12
Bluefield, WV #857	
4. Christine Miller	11
Wellington, OH #2051	
4. Kathy Speier	11
New Richmond, OH #2289	



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We Are People Helping People

Arkansas

For the last 20 years, Horseshoe Bend #3431 has given presents to area children through its annual Christmas event. Last year, 51 boys and 46 girls received ages 2-12 received presents. Each child received a gift and an entry into a drawing for one of 20 bicycles. Member Betty Swanson has chaired the event for the last three years and spends her time calling area businesses for donations. This year, \$2,800 in gifts were distributed.

Maryland

-F.O.E. #2883 has been a longtime supporter of the Interfaith Community Food Pantry on Cumberland Street. One of the fundraising projects has been the Christmas Auction, held annually at the Aerie home on McMullen Highway. In a recent presentation, a check for \$3,500 was presented to John Minnich, Pantry Treasurer, and Bill Stewart, Pantry Manager. This gift was made possible due to the joint efforts of the Officers and members of both the Aerie and Auxiliary for the 2016 Christmas Auction.

-2015-2016 State Madam President Diana Booth of Frederick #1067 toured Maryland during her year to raise money for Family, Resource, Information & Education Network for Down Syndrome (F.R.I.E.N.D.S.), collecting more than \$26,000. The check was recently presented to the organization which provides support, resources and programs for people with Down syndrome.

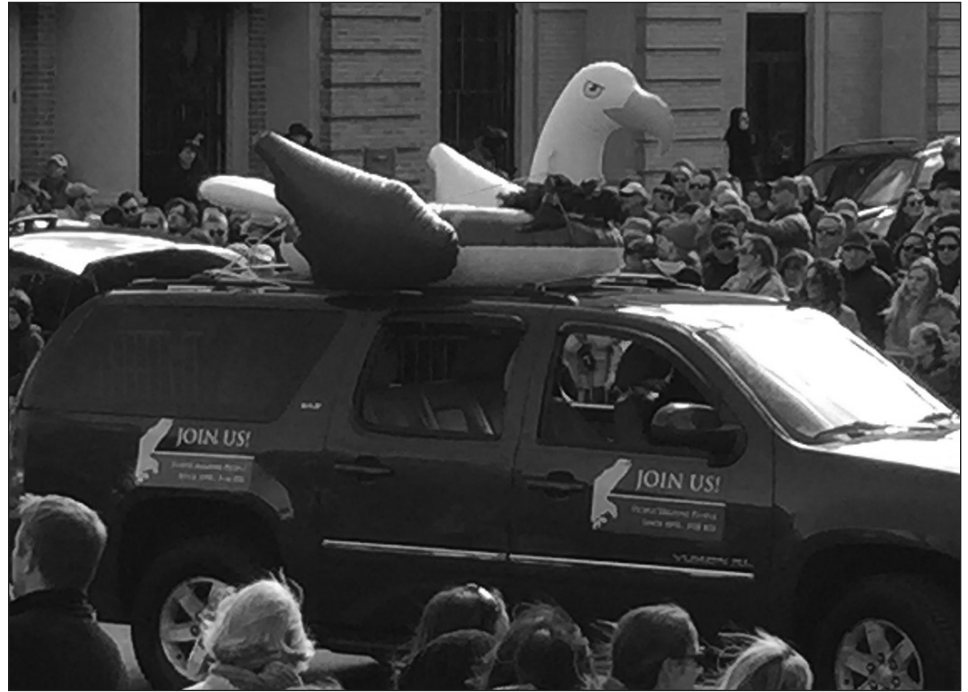
Michigan

Hale #4217's Auxiliary has donated more than \$19,000 to the Covenant Breast Health Center over the past five years to support the CARE Fund, which provides free screening mammography and any necessary follow-up care for uninsured or underinsured individuals. Since 2010, the CARE Fund has provided screenings for more than 450 people.

Missouri

-Countryside #4286 donated a buddy bench for the Cole Camp R-I Elementary playground. The buddy bench is a simple idea to encourage communication and friendship on the playground.

Virginia



The Eagles of Alva Aerie #871 were proud to deepen their ties with the community by participating in the 46th Annual Alexandria Scottish Walk Parade on Dec. 3, 2016. The annual tradition benefits the Campagna Center, a local organization which provides educational and social support for all ages. Alva Eagles kicked off its first parade appearance in many years under the leadership of Outreach Committee Chair David Robbins. Dozens of Aerie and Auxiliary members marched alongside their truck, carrying banners, flags and balloons, distributing literature to adults and candy to children. Atop the truck was a giant inflatable eagle.

-Members of Meramec Valley Eagles #3781 presented a check in the amount of \$6,064 to the Missouri Baptist Sullivan Hospital Cancer Fund. Proceeds were raised during a Bingo night fundraiser held Saturday, Feb. 11, in the Aerie's banquet hall. The money will be used to help area cancer patients.

New York

-Middletown recently donated a check for \$350 across various funds within the Grand Aerie Charity Foundation. They also held a backpack drive for the local homeless shelter in which 53 backpacks full of necessary school supplies were donated for children in grades K-12. They also held a coat drive, collecting various winter garments and handing them out to individuals in need at the area soup kitchen.

-Members of Sleepy Hollow Eagles

#1042 held a pot luck dinner in November to raise money for the chosen organization of the event chairperson. Last year's chairperson, Rose Kollar, is the co-founder of Support Connection - an area nonprofit started to provide free support services for breast and ovarian cancer patients. The pot luck raised \$2,115 for the cause thanks to the large number of raffle tickets purchase by both men and women at the Eagles.

Oregon

Salem Eagles Auxiliary #2081 raised \$6,026 through donations and raffles to benefit the Central Oregon Veterans Ranch in Bend, Ore., which provides services to homeless veterans with live-in facilities including professional medical, emotional and social needs while living on a working ranch.

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sought after comedians in the country. A former truck driver and dock worker, Rocky has accumulated a slew of performances throughout his career, including Last Comic Standing, Showtime's The Godfathers of Comedy and on the big screen in Tim Allen films Crazy on the Outside and The Shaggy Dog. His clean, blue-collar style of comedy continues to increase in popularity as he travels the country.

Festivities continue Monday night, as a country legend entertains at the Ladies' Auxiliary Banquet. (Tickets are \$35 per-person)

TG Sheppard

TG Sheppard has always had an unstoppable passion for music. This passion along with 21 number one hits and being ranked among the top 100 country artists of all time has made him one of the most popular live performers on tour today. It's only natural with a show chock full of chart topping hits like "Last Cheaters Waltz", "I Loved 'Em Everyone", "Do You Wanna Go To Heaven", and "Party Time" that TG has developed a reputation as a solid performer who delivers exactly what audiences want. All this and more combined with a steadfast dedication to entertainment has truly made him one of the great Legends in country music.

On Tuesday, country charttopper Phil Vassar and comedian Steve Shaffer entertain at our annual Mr. & Mrs. Banquet. (Tickets are \$40 per-person)

Phil Vassar

Phil Vassar is one of a handful of musicians to have multiple hits as a songwriter AND as an artist. He has 10 Number 1s, 15 Top 10s and 26 Top 40 hits. Top songs include Just Another Day In Paradise, Carlene, Six Pack Summer, American Child, For A Little While and My Next Thirty Years (Tim McGraw), Right on the Money (Alan Jackson), I'm Alright and Bye Bye (JoDee Messina), Little



Red Rodeo (Collin Raye) and many more. Vassar recently launched "Songs From The Cellar" – a wine-infused musical conversation airing across the United States and Europe.

Steve Shaffer

Steve Shaffer is an Ace Award-winning writer, a stand-up comedian with multiple national TV appearances and an actor who has appeared on film, television and commercials. This multi-faceted artist has appeared on The Tonight Show, The Merv Griffin Show, The A-List on Comedy Central, The CBS Morning Show and more. Steve continues to perform in comedy clubs, casinos, cruise ships and corporate events around the world.

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Help Keep Our Team Strong!

Don't let your dues expire - renew your membership by May 31, 2017, and continue to take advantage of the numerous benefits offered by the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

You can save money on insurance, hotel stays, rental cars, office supplies, identity protection and most importantly, you'll be a part of one of the world's most storied fraternal organizations, helping provide \$10 million annually to hospitals, care centers and research facilities across the U.S. and Canada.

Renew Your Dues Today!

MEMBERSHIP DUES MUST BE PAID BY MAY 31, 2017

Growth.

Our future as eagles depends on it...

MEMBERSHIP RE-ENROLLMENT CONTEST

The Fraternal Order of Eagles is dedicated to building a strong, solid membership base. Throughout the next three months, we're encouraging all members to reach out to former members for a chance to win a cash prize!

All Aerie and Auxiliary members who reenroll members from March 1-May 31 will be entered in a drawing to receive \$250 in cash. One Aerie and Auxiliary member from each Region will be selected at random on June 1 to receive the prize. For each reenrolled member you propose, your name gets entered for a chance to win!!



Questions, comments or concerns regarding the Re-enrollment Contest may be directed to the Grand Aerie Membership Department at 614-883-2177 or by email at membership@foe.com.